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Dear Mr. Scali:

Thank you for agreeing to address our Advanced Intelligence Seminar. Your session is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 1985, from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Your presentation is titled "The Role of the Media in a Democratic Society." Please plan to speak for 30 to 50 minutes, take a break, and then lead a discussion of the issues with Seminar participants.

Participants in this two and one-half week Advanced Intelligence Seminar consists of 16 - 20 senior intelligence officers selected from each of the major components within the Agency. They represent a broad range of educational backgrounds and professional experience. The Seminar is designed to expose officers to alternative viewpoints and perspectives on intelligence and its role in a democratic society. The following are some of the issues we hope you will address during your presentation:

As minicam, simulcast and satellite transmission capabilities continue to grow, the interval between news discovery continues to shrink. Under these conditions, what criteria do the networks use to hold or broadcast reports?

a. What do you see as the ultimate responsibility of broadcast news vis-a-vis the security implications of broadcasting all news "fit to be broadcast"?

b. Are there mechanisms for retracting (correcting) errors made in reporting as further developments take place?

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If you have any questions, please call [redacted] the Course Director, or [redacted] the training assistant, [redacted]

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